### § 25.14

(b) The blocking of entrances, driveways, walks, loading platforms or fire hydrants on GAO property is prohibited; and

(c) Except in emergencies, parking on GAO property or in the GAO Building is not allowed without a permit. Parking in unauthorized locations or in locations reserved for other persons, or parking contrary to the direction of posted signs or instructions of guards is prohibited. Vehicles parked in violation of posted restrictions or warning signs shall be subject to removal at the owners' risk and expense.

(d) The Comptroller General or his designee may supplement this paragraph from time to time by issuing and posting such specific traffic directives as may be required. When issued and posted, such directives shall have the same force and effect as if made a part hereof. Proof that a motor vehicle was parked in violation of these regulations or directives may be taken as prima facie evidence that the registered owner was responsible for the violation.

#### §25.14 Weapons and explosives.

No person while entering or in the GAO Building or on its grounds shall carry or possess firearms, other dangerous or deadly weapons, explosives or items intended to be used to fabricate an explosive or incendiary device, either openly or concealed, except for official purposes.

#### §25.15 Nondiscrimination.

There shall be no discrimination by segregation or otherwise against any person or persons because of race, creed, sex, color, or national origin in furnishing or by refusing to furnish the use of any facility of a public nature, including all services, privileges, accommodations and activities provided in the GAO Building.

## §25.16 Penalties.

Whoever shall be found guilty of violating any rule or regulation governing the GAO Building is subject to a fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. Nothing in these rules and regulations shall be construed to abrogate any

other Federal laws applicable to the GAO Building.

# PART 27—GOVERNMENT AC-COUNTABILITY OFFICE PER-SONNEL APPEALS BOARD; OR-GANIZATION

Sec.

27.1 The Board.

27.2 The Chair. Vice Chair.

27.3 The General Counsel.

AUTHORITY: 31 U.S.C. 753.

SOURCE: 58 FR 61992, Nov. 23, 1993, unless otherwise noted

#### §27.1 The Board.

The Government Accountability Office Personnel Appeals Board, hereinafter the Board, is composed of five members appointed by the Comptroller General, in accordance with the provisions of 31 U.S.C. 751. For purposes of the regulations in this part and 4 CFR part 28, a simple majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum and a majority of a quorum may act for the Board. The Board may designate a panel of its members or an individual Board member to take any action within the scope of the Board's authority, subject to later review by the Board.

[64 FR 15125, Mar. 30, 1999, as amended at 68 FR 69297, Dec. 12, 2003]

# § 27.2 The Chair, Vice Chair.

The members of the Board shall select from among its membership a Chairperson, hereinafter the Chair, who shall serve as the chief executive and administrative officer of the Board. The Members of the Board may select from among its membership a Vice Chairperson, hereinafter the Vice Chair, who shall serve in the absence of the Chair and in other matters delegated by the Chair.

## § 27.3 The General Counsel.

The Chair shall select an individual and the Comptroller General shall appoint the individual selected by the Chair to serve as the General Counsel of the Board. The General Counsel, at the request of the Board, shall investigate matters under the jurisdiction of